

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A PC card drive apparatus comprising:

a housing portion for loading a magnetic disk cartridge therein; and

a non-metallic coating having a low frictional coefficient and anti-wear properties, provided on surfaces of metal parts of the housing portion against which outer surfaces of the magnetic disk cartridge case slide during insertion and ejection thereof into and from the housing portion,

wherein the surfaces of metal parts of the housing portion comprise a surface region of a metallic base portion of the drive apparatus and an inner surface of a metallic upper lid of the housing portion.

2. (original): A PC card drive apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein:

the non-metallic coating having a low frictional coefficient and anti-wear properties is selected from among PTFE's, PFA's, modified fluorine resins, Teflon® graphites, and diamond like carbons (DLC's).

3. (new): A PC card drive apparatus comprising:

a housing portion for loading a magnetic disk cartridge therein; and

a non-metallic coating having a low frictional coefficient and anti-wear properties, provided on surfaces of metal parts of the housing portion against which outer surfaces of the magnetic disk cartridge case slide during insertion and ejection thereof into and from the housing portion,

wherein the non-metallic coating having a low frictional coefficient and anti-wear properties is selected from among PTFE's, PFA's, modified fluorine resins, and diamond like carbons (DLC's).

4. (new): The PC card drive apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the surfaces of metal parts of the housing portion comprise a surface region of a metallic base portion of the drive apparatus against which an outer surface of a case of the magnetic disk cartridge slides during insertion and ejection of the magnetic disk cartridge and an inner surface of a metallic upper lid of the housing portion against which the outer surface of the magnetic disk cartridge also slides.

5. (new): The PC card drive apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said magnetic disk cartridge comprises a rotary shutter.

6. (new): The PC card drive apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said magnetic disk cartridge comprises a rotary shutter.